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APPARATUS FOR INSERTING THE  
ABSORBING ROD, A CASK, AND  
A METHOD OF STORING SPENT  
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AMENDMENT UNDER 1.114

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SIR:

In response to the office action dated June 20, 2003, please amend the above-noted application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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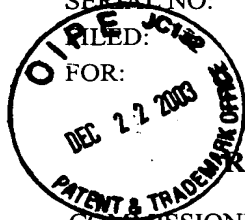
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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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SIR:

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

## Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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- ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on
- ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

Enclosed:

- ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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